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SUBJECT: OVERDUE REMITTANCES TO BROOKSIDE LABORATORIES

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- 1. EMBASSY HAS SPOKEN WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MR. PETER LESTER, AGENT FOR BROOKSIDE FARMS LABORATORY ASSOCIATION, INC. MINISTRY SAID, AND MR. PETER LESTER CONFIRMS, THAT APPROVAL OF RESERVE BANK HAS NOW BEEN GIVEN TO REMITTANCE OF NEARLY 14,000 DOLLARS IN ACCRUED FEES, AND MR. LESTER SAID THIS WILL BE DONE ASAP.
- 2. WHOLE PROBLEM APPEARS TO HAVE ARISEN FROM MR. LESTER ARRANGING WITH BROOKSIDE FOR SOIL ANALYSIS SERVICES WITHOUT FIRST SECURING APPROVAL OF RESERVE BANK FOR REMITTANCE OF FEES INCURRED.
- 3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IN GIVING
  RELUCTANT APPROVAL TO REMITTANCE IN THIS INSTANCE,
  THE RESERVE BANK HAS INFORMED MR. LESTER THAT
  FURTHER APPROVALS WILL NOT BE GIVEN BECAUSE
  MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SAYS THAT APPROPRIATE
  SOIL ANALYSIS CAN BE CARRIED OUT HERE. EMBASSY
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SUGGESTS THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR BROOKSIDE TO UNDERTAKE ANALYSIS OF OTHER SOIL SAMPLES FROM NEW ZEALAND UNTIL MR. LESTER IS ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT RESERVE BANK APPROVAL IS HELD FOR REMITTANCE OF FEES INVOLVED. SELDEN

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